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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD \*  
FOR VISUALLY DETECTING \*  
WEAR TO INSERT BOWLS, \*  
BUSHINGS, AND SPIDERS \*  
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Applicant submits this Statement in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97-1.98. This Statement is filed in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3), before issuance of a First Office Action on the merits.

1. U.S. Patent 3,811,709 to McGee et al, issued May 21, 1974;
2. U.S. Patent 4,332,062 to Byrne, Jr., issued June 1, 1982;
3. U.S. Patent 4,416,340 to Bailey, issued November 22, 1983;

4. U.S. Patent 4,480,703 to Garrett, issued November 6, 1984;

5. U.S. Patent 5,351,767 to Stogner et al, issued October 4, 1994;

6. U.S. Patent 6,354,380 to Becnel et al, issued March 12, 2002;

7. U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/0061224 A1 to Allamon et al, published May 23, 2002; and

8. U.S. Patent 6,471,439 to Allamon et al, issued October 29, 2002.

A copy of each reference, together with a listing on Form PTO-1449, is submitted.

U.S. Patent 6,354,380 is discussed in the specification of the subject application at pages 5-6.

Applicant requests the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry of them into the record of this application.

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